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# Ex-Metropolitan Clubmen To Form the Federal Club

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A new men's club is about to be formed in Washington and it will be called "The Federal Club."

It is being founded by President Kennedy's intimate friend Charles Bartlett, the Chattanooga Times correspondent who is the President's preferred walking companion and who, with his wife, was a houseguest of the Kennedys two recent week ends in Newport.

Charlie is one of those members who recently resigned from the Metropolitan Club because of its color ban. Since the founding fathers of a new private club can establish their own set of rules with far greater ease than they can change the firmly established existing rules of an old club, the idea of the newly created club was born.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY, who also resigned from the Metropolitan Club, and his brother-in-law, Stephen Smith, have both accepted the invitation to be on the Federal Club's board of directors.

The club, to all intents and purposes, will be integrated, though the word "integrated" will not necessarily appear in the by-laws.

It will simply draw people who are interested in Government or who, directly or indirectly, have made contributions to Government," said Mr. Bartlett.

He envisions a club for both political figures and newsmen of some 250 to 300 members who will have a place where they can meet for lunch or entertain friends regardless of race. He and the other directors, who include Walter Sobier of NASA, want a representative membership, not merely Democrats or press. In short some well known Republicans are being approached for the board of directors.

THE LOCATION OF THE CLUB has not been definitely settled yet. "We hope to be within a couple of blocks of the White House," said Mr. Bartlett. A club site within a block may be a possibility. There are two clubs, for instance, in the Dupont-Carlton area, the National Club and the Metropolitan Club, and the

definitely will be segregated when a sex is concerned. In short, women who have made a contribution to Government, are interested in politics or who make a living writing about same for a newspaper, will not be eligible for membership.

This will come as no surprise to the female of the species. Women, who were denied the right to vote long after men of all walks of life and all races were enfranchised, are used to being discriminated against by the male of the species, without benefit of outcries of outrage, either.

But although repeated exclusions can be hard on women who have to compete with men professionally, men's clubs are looked upon with considerable favor by wives. Obviously a husband who is lurching in the sacred confines of a men's club is not having a date to tote with a blond or a redhead.

JAMES LLOYD CROSS and his blond, blond and beautiful wife Meredith gave a dance Friday night that drew one of the more attractive groups in Washington. The dance was a housewarming in their charming new abode on University Terrace that commands a winter-time view of the Potomac above Key Bridge.

Dinner parties beforehand were given by the Gordon Grays, the Norman Pauls and the Luis Pedros of the Spanish Embassy, to mention a few.

The club's ambassadorial couples noted among those present were the French Ambassador and Mme. Richard, the Ambassador Ardeshir Zaman, and Her Imperial Highness Princess Shahnaz, and the Spanish Ambassador and Mrs. Yurralde. Before the evening was over at least two of the three were on the verge of earning the title "the Twist Ambassador" as Devron's music encouraged dancers to try the new step.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. McGeorge Bundy were there, and Federal Aviation Administrator and Mrs. Nabeq Halaby—the former as fleet of foot as he is in flight; Undersecretary of the Air

brother David Acheson and his wife, Representative Bill Moorhead and his cute spouse, the Gary Nortons—he is head of IDA (Institute for Defense Analysis) with which Jim Cross is associated; the Charles Bartlett, the Jack Lanahans, artist Sheila Isham and Heyward Isham, the Jean de Bassompierres of the Belgian Embassy, the Bill Martens, Count and Countess Cicciolo di Forino, the John Denley Walkers, Edie and Cully Darlington, Spanish Minister Antonio Espartero and the Pat Munroes.

Joan and Art Garner were fresh from New York where they attended the Boys' Club Ball and saw a preview of the new Negro musical "Kwamina." The latter has beautiful music and is interesting, said Joan, but didn't see it there.

GATES LLOYD was first at cocktails yesterday in honor of the producer and director of the film, "West

Side Story"—Harold Munsch and Robert Wise, and their wives. Gates and his wife Lally, who was out of town on UNESCO business yesterday, are both interested in the Institute of Contemporary Arts which will celebrate its 15th anniversary with the Washington premiere of the film at the Uptown on Tuesday November 14.

Both Mr. Mirisch and Mr. Wise will return for the premiere, having come to Washington yesterday in order to be present at the rank-filled concert by Van Cliburn and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Symphony Orchestra. Secretary of State and Mrs. Rusk's name heads the list of hosts at the benefit that will aid the United States Committee for the United Nations. It is interesting to note that on both the invitation to this affair and to the "West Side Story" premiere, it reads "Admission by Contribution."

Tish Halaby was at yesterday's party along with CIA Director and Mrs. Robert A. Richman, the Bill Bundys, Mary Watkins, and several others interested in the arts and particularly in the art in the Lloyds' Georgetown house. A study of their wall is a collection in good modern art from the prehistoric to the contemporary.

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